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Position paper of the Student - Faculty Ad-Hoc Committee

I In a situation of crisis, the faculty of Middlebury College continues to affirm the importance of academic activities, and we encourage those students engaged in political and social action. We resolve to complete the academic year. We believe that arrangements should be made for those students who feel, as a matter of conscience, that they cannot complete their academic work within the existing schedule. The political and the academic are not incompatible.

II The Middlebury College faculty strongly endorses the current nationwide movement by affirming these national and local goals:

1 an end to American military involvement in Southeast Asia,

2 a reaffirmation of the Bill of Rights, an end to the repression of political dissent, and an end to the persecution of black activists,

3 a reexamination of the ~~universe~~ relationship of universities and colleges to the military.

III While affirming these general goals, we committ ourselves, according to individual conscience, to the continuation of these activities:

1 improving our relationship with the town, hoping to create a community which unites all of Middlebury.

2 local canvassing ~~of~~ for political candidates.

3 the extension of our educational function to inform the community onlocal and national issues.

4 the Pause for Peace, initiated by Williams College, for which Middlebury has been named the Vermont headquarters.

5 the Continuing Presence Lobby in Washington, initiated by

Dartmouth College.

6 Information on the Draft (Operation "Undo"), for which Middlebury has been designated the Vermont headquarters.

7 the coordination of these and similar activities with other colleges in Vermont and New England.

IV We ask the faculty to reschedule its calender for 1970 - 71 to create a full week vacation in October in place of Thanksgiving vacation. This recess would allow students to participate in political activities before the November election.

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